

**AMENDMENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 11 and 12, amend Claims 9, 13-14 and 16, and add new Claim 23, as follows:

1. (Previously Amended). A vehicle comprising:  
a vehicle frame having at least one vertically-oriented side frame member;  
a transmission housing directly mounted to a vertical face of the at least one vertically-oriented side frame member;  
a hydrostatic transmission mounted in the transmission housing and comprising a hydraulic pump and hydraulic motor connected through a hydraulic circuit;  
and  
an axle shaft driven by the hydraulic motor and extending perpendicular to the at least one vertically-oriented side frame member;  
wherein the axle shaft extends through the at least one vertically-oriented side frame member.
2. (Previously Amended). A vehicle as recited in Claim 1, further comprising two vertically-oriented side frame members, wherein the transmission housing is secured to one of the vertically-oriented side frame members.